



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 30, 2004

H.R. 2934 **Terrorist Penalties Enhancement Act of 2004**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on June 23, 2004

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2934 would have no significant cost to the federal government. Enacting the bill could affect direct spending and revenues, but CBO estimates that any such effects would not be significant. H.R. 2934 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act, and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 2934 would establish a new federal crime for terrorist acts that result in death and would deny federal benefits to convicted terrorists. Because those prosecuted and convicted under H.R. 2934 could be subject to criminal fines, the federal government might collect additional fines if the legislation is enacted. Collections of such fines are recorded in the budget as revenues, which are deposited in the Crime Victims Fund and later spent. In addition, enacting H.R. 2934 could reduce the number of persons benefitting from federal assistance programs. CBO expects that any additional revenues and direct spending, or any effects on federal assistance programs, would not be significant because of the small number of cases likely to be affected.

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